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Title: **METHOD, COMPOSITION, AND KIT TO DESIGN, EVALUATE, AND/OR TEST COMPOUNDS THAT MODULATE REGULATORY FACTOR BINDING TO NUCLEIC ACIDS**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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To the Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2007, for three months from February 29, 2008, to May 29, 2008. The granting of the requested extension of time will not extend the period for response beyond the six-month statutory limit.

A PTO-2038 is enclosed authorizing the payment of the necessary petition fee (\$525). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-2055.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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